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Fact Sheet

WHITE KING/LUCKY LASS SITE
Lakeview, Oregon



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Invites Public Comment on a Proposed Cleanup Plan for the White King/Lucky Lass Site

Public Comment Period October 1 to October 30, 1999

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) are presenting a Proposed Plan for cleanup of the White King and Lucky Lass mining areas. The Proposed Plan outlines EPA's and USFS's preferred alternative for addressing contaminants at the site. The plan also summarizes information gathered during a detailed investigation of the nature and extent of contamination at the site and looks at a range of cleanup alternatives. This information can be found in more detail in the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study reports. A copy of all the documents for this site are available for your review at the Lakeview Ranger District Office - contact Janine Cannon (541) 947-3334, or the Lake County Library, County Courthouse at 513 Center Street in Lakeview, OR.

Many cleanup alternatives were analyzed at this site. This fact sheet has been developed for those who would like a brief overview of the preferred alternative. EPA encourages you to review the entire Proposed Plan (attached) and comment on any of the cleanup alternatives. EPA will **not** make a decision on the cleanup until the public comment period has ended and all comments have been reviewed and considered.

You can provide comments either in writing or by attending the public meeting on October 14th. Written comments need to be postmarked before or on October 30, 1999 and sent to: Bill Adams, Project Manager at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Ave (ECL-111), Seattle, WA 98101.

PUBLIC MEETING

To Discuss Cleanup Alternatives
October 14, 1999
from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Lake County Senior Community Center
11 North "G" Street in Lakeview

The Proposed Cleanup

EPA and the USFS are recommending the following actions at the site: consolidation and capping of the two stockpiles at the White King site; neutralization of the White King pond; and removal of some soils at the Lucky Lass Mine. In addition, institutional controls are recommended to prevent any potential future residential use of the site and restrict access to the capped stockpile. Because waste would remain on the site, long term operation and maintenance and five year reviews would be required.

EPA and the USFS believe that the preferred alternative best meets its evaluation criteria, which include protectiveness of human health and the environment and compliance with federal, state, and local environmental standards. EPA may modify the preferred alternative, or select another action based on new information or public comments. Written comments on the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan should be sent by October 30th to Bill Adams at the address on the front of this fact sheet.

Background

The White King/Lucky Lass mines are former uranium mines in South-central Oregon, Northwest of Lakeview, Oregon. The site is within the Fremont National Forest and on private lands. The White King and the Lucky Lass mines are located within one mile of each other.

Lakeview Mining Company began mining the site in 1955. Initial mining was underground until 1959. Open-pit mining techniques were then used until active mining stopped in 1965. The mining techniques resulted in the stockpiles and the creation of pits from where the ores were extracted. Through a series of mergers, Kerr

McGee Corporation acquired Lakeview Mining and became a Potentially Responsible Party and is responsible for cleanup.

In 1989, the USFS began studying the site to determine whether any action was needed on the mine pits and/or the stockpiles. Based on their findings, EPA listed the site on the National Priorities List (NPL) on April 25, 1995 in order to study the site to determine the nature and extent of contamination. Kerr McGee Corporation conducted the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS), with oversight by EPA, the USFS, Oregon Office of Energy, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The Proposed Plan summarizes the RI/FS and recommends a cleanup action for the site.

For More Information:

If you have any questions about the proposed cleanup plan, please contact one of the following people:

Bill Adams, EPA Project Manager (206) 553-2806

Krista Rave, EPA Community Relations (206) 553-6686

Janine Cannon, U.S. Forest Service (541) 947-6333

All documents pertaining to this site are available for your review at:

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